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1. South Vietnam

General Thi, former commander of I Corps, was arrested last night. Premier Ky says this is standard practice during a military investigation and that there will probably not be a court martial.

Ambassador Lodge, however, is skeptical and believes that the arrest could have unfortunate repercussions. Instead of quietly packing the general off to exile, Ky has made another flashy move--one that runs the risk of reopening old wounds that are difficult to heal.

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2. North Vietnam

The French press correspondent in Hanoi claims that De Gaulle's envoy, Jean Sainteny, is getting real VIP treatment in the North Vietnamese capital. Sainteny is said to have been received by both Ho Chi Minh and Pham Van Dong for "long talks on two successive days without interpreters." The atmosphere for the Frenchman is described as "cordial."

If these "long talks" have, in fact, taken place, it would indeed be unusual. While Ho frequently receives high-ranking Westerners, he usually sees them only briefly in the course of their talks with his subordinates. De Gaulle's emissary last winter, Jean Chauvel, was not received at all.

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the trip is being billed as a private visit to renew old friendships.

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3. North Vietnam

There is still no information available on the Sainteny talks, but we do have a summary of an interview which Ho gave recently to a Russian correspondent.

In this interview, published today in a Soviet weekly, Ho took a standard hard line, saying "the American imperialists now resemble a gang of robbers who forced their way into a house, sacked it, killed some of the inhabitants, pointed a pistol at the heart of the master, and offer 'now let us talk of peace.' The American imperialists unleashed a war against our republic, which is a little country. The war is therefore difficult for us, but we did not falter and we will not falter."

We are uncertain whether this interview was given before or after the initial bombing of the North Vietnamese POL facilities.

4. Argentina

The Ongania government does not intend to commit itself to a date or a period for holding elections. 50X1

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6. Soviet Union - Iraq Further information on the \$100-million Soviet-Iraqi arms deal signed back in May indicates that it will string out over several years, and will provide Iraq with some items it has not had before. The latter will include 32 high-performance fighter-bombers, eight guided missile patrol boats, and a submarine chaser. Soviet instructors in the use of the new equipment are due in Iraq late this fall, and deliveries will probably begin next spring.

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8. United Kingdom

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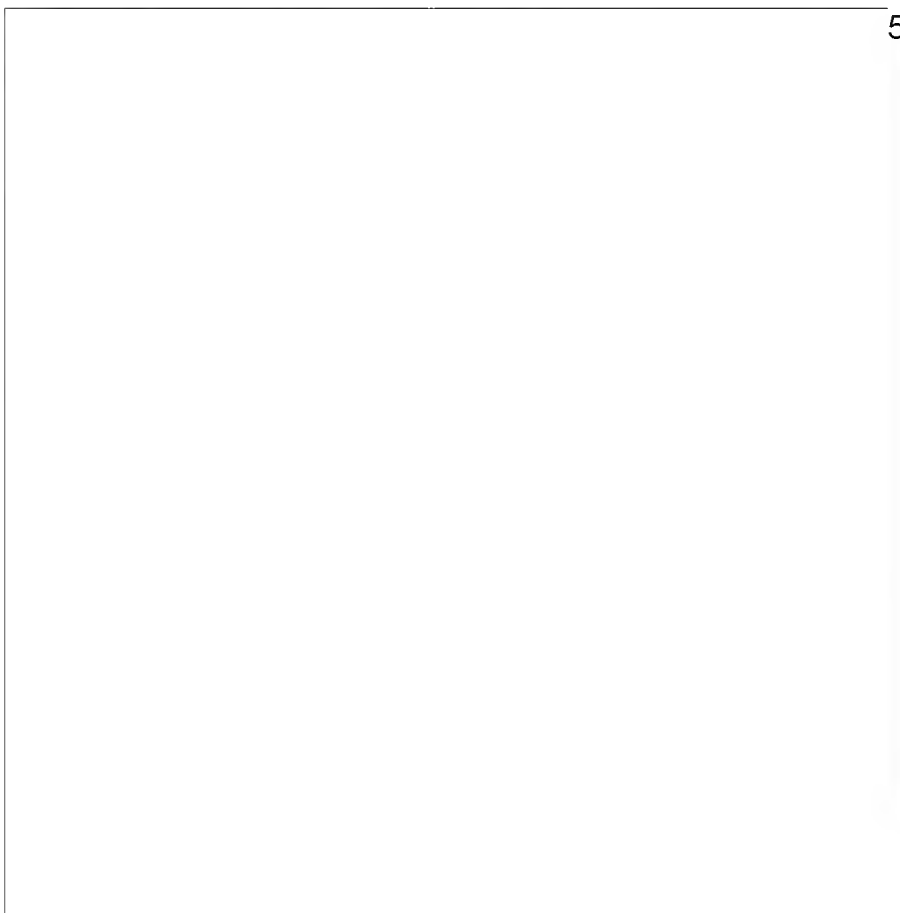
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9. Pakistan

It looks as if the Pakistanis have acquired some bombers as well as more fighter aircraft from the Chinese Communists. For the first time, US Air Force personnel recently spotted four IL-28 (Beagle) jet light bombers at Peshawar airfield. China is known to have supplied Pakistan with at least 40 MIG-19s. The IL-28s came from China's inventory of over 250 which it acquired from the Soviet Union before 1960.

10. Indonesia

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